Mr. Thanu Pillai then moved that the Bill as revised be finally read on a future day of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

GAME PRESERVATION BILL.

SECTION 3.

Mr. Bensley.—Since the last meeting of the Council, I have had the advantage of perusing certain important papers connected with game preservation as it obtains in British India and I have satisfied myself that the Bill as it now stands amended requires very little further alteration or discussion. But one or two points have suggested themselves as deserving re-consideration. I would put them before the Council in the shape of amendments.

I beg to propose that in line 1, para 2, section 3, the words "any person defending his life from the attacks of wild animals or" be inserted between "preclude" and "proprietors." It is necessary to explicitly provide for self-defence and this is effected by the proposed amendment.

Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

SECTION 5.

Mr. Bensley.—I have only one more amendment to move, viz.,—Omit the words "wearing the prescribed dress or badge of his department"—lines 1 and 2.

By prescribing a distinctive dress or badge, certain classes of servants who should I think have the power conferred by the section are excluded. The amendment enables such servants to exercise these powers subject to the necessary restrictions.

Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

Mr Bensley then moved that the Bill be read finally on a future day of which notice shall be given.

The motion was put and agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Krishnaswamy Rao.—I beg to move that the principles of the Council Bill be affirmed. These principles are (1) that legislation on matters political or coming within the sphere of imperial policy be excluded from the jurisdiction of the Council, (2) that in the nomination of non-official members, some system of election suitable to our conditions be followed under such rules as the Government may be pleased to prescribe from time to time. I have stated my reasons for the adoption of these principles in the statement of Objects and Reasons and also in the speech introducing the Bill.

Mr. Rama Varma Rajah.—I hope I will be allowed to say a few words regarding the principle of the "Legislative Council Regulation Amendment Bill."

To the best of my knowledge Regulation II of 1063 has been working most satisfactorily. Nobody has, as far as I am aware, ever complained of its working defectively. The reason given in the statement of Objects and Reasons for amending the Travancore Legislative Council Regulation is that it is framed on the lines of the Indian Councils Act as it stood in 1888. The Indian Councils Act has since been amended. Hence Regulation II of 1063 should also be amended. I dare say I doubt if there is much strength in this reasoning. I am myself a great admirer of British models. If we want now to reconstitute our Legislative Council on the lines of the Indian Councils Act let us do so by all means. In remodelling the Indian Councils a step decidedly in the right direction has been made by introducing "a system of debating, permission being given to discuss the annual Budget" and also "under strict rules to use the right of interpellation as it is called or of asking questions about things in general." If we are not yet prepared to introduce these novelties which are the chief distinguishing

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly